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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: CONCLUDING REPORT OF SECOND WEEK OF
ANTARCTIC TREATY SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON MARINE
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1. SUMMARY: SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING UNDERTOOK INTENSIVE PLENARY DEBATE ON CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT TEXT (REFTELS). CONSERVATION STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVES OF CONVENTION, MEANS OF DEALING WITH JURIDICAL ISSUES AND COMMISSION VOTING FORMULA EMERGED AS KEY ISSUES, THOUGH IN VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. ON BASIS OF DEBATE CHAIRMAN ROWLAND PREPARED REVISED TEXT WHICH WAS ISSUED MARCH 13. END SUMMARY.

9. MARCH 9. NINTH DAY. DAY BEGAN WITH HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING WHERE CHAIRMAN INTRODUCED HIS DRAFT TEXT.
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HE PRESENTED IT AS NON-PREJUDICIAL, INFORMAL, AND UNIFIED DOCUMENT WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. HEADS OF DELEGATION ALL SUPPORTED TEXT AS SUCH. IT WAS AGREED THAT A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE TEXT WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN PLENARY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A SPECIFIC ARTICLE BY ARTICLE DEBATE ALSO IN PLENARY.

3. GENERAL DEBATE IN PLENARY FOUND ALL DELEGATIONS FORMALLY RECOGNIZING CHAIRMAN'S TEXT AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, BUT WITH EACH DELEGATION NOTING PROBLEM AREAS. USDEL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) CHAIRMAN'S FORMULATION OF SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF CONVENTION WAS NEW AND UNIQUE FORMULA AND REQUIRED CAREFUL STUDY IN LIGHT OF U.S. ECOSYSTEM APPROACH: (2) JURIDICAL ARTICLES WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AS A GROUP TO ENSURE NECESSARY BALANCE BETWEEN CLAIMANT AND NON-CLAIMANT STATES; (3) OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES TO OBSERVE CONSERVATION STANDARD SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT; (4) HANDLING SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE IN CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT WAS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY BUT FURTHER ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ENSURING ITS OBJECTIVITY AND EFFECTIVENESS AND (5) CHAIRMAN'S VOTING FORMULATION PROVIDED POSSIBLE COMPROMISE.

4. MARCH 10. TENTH DAY. GENERAL DEBATE CONCLUDED DURING MORNING SESSION. GENERALLY, ALL STATES EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN WITH JURIDICAL ARTICLES. USSR AND JAPAN MOUNTED STRONG ATTACK ON CONSERVATION STANDARD BUT CONSERVATION ORIENTED APPROACH RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT FROM MOST PARTICIPANTS. PLENARY THEN TOOK UP ARTICLE DEBATE, WHICH CONTINUED THROUGH SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 11TH DAY, UNTIL EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 12.

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5. ARTICLE 1. AREA OF APPLICATION AND SPECIES COVERED. U.S. PROPOSED INCLUSION OF PARAGRAPH DEFINING ECOSYSTEM AND WAS SUPPORTED BY CHILE, ARGENTINA, NEW ZEALAND, U.K., FRANCE, SOUTH AFRICA, BELGIUM AND POLAND. IT WAS OPPOSED BY THE USSR. MOST DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC COORDINATES DEFINING ANTARCTIC CONVERGENCE. GENERALLY, ALL STATES SUPPORTED CHAIRMAN'S TEXT; HOWEVER, USSR, JAPAN, AND FRANCE SOUGHT TO HAVE WHALES AND SEALS EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THE CONVENTION.

6. ARTICLE 2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONVENTION. COMMENTS ON THIS ARTICLE FELL INTO THREE CATEGORIES: (1) RATIONAL USE: USSR, POLAND, AND JAPAN ADVOCATED INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO RATIONAL USE AS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE CONVENTION. U.S. DELEGATION INDICATED THAT IT COULD ACCEPT SUCH REFERENCE. MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS STATED PREFERENCE FOR NO REFERENCE TO RATIONAL UTILIZATION ON GROUNDS THAT RATIONAL USE WAS INCLUDED IN TERM CONSERVATION. (2) U.S. DELEGATION PROPOSED MOVING FORMULATION ON CONSERVATION AIMS (CHAIRMAN'S TEXT ART. 17) UP TO ARTICLE 2 AS AN OBJECTIVE OF THIS CONVENTION. THIS PROPOSAL WAS SUPPORTED BY ARGENTINA, POLAND, AUSTRALIA, CHILE AND JAPAN, HOWEVER,

JAPAN MADE CLEAR THAT ITS SUPPORT ONLY WENT TO THE PLACEMENT OF THE CONSERVATION OBJECTIVE AND NOT TO THE SPECIFIC TERMS REFLECTED IN U.S. PROPOSAL. (3) THIRD MAJOR POINT OF DEISCUSSION ON THIS ARTICLE RELATED TO REFERENCE TO PROCESSING IN CHAIRMAN'S TEXT, WITH OPINION EQUALLY DIVIDED AS TO NEED FOR ITS INCLUSION.

7. ARTICLE 3. DEBATE ON ARTICLE 3 OF CHAIRMAN'S TEXT FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO ARTICLES APPLICATION TO NON-PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY RATHER THAN TO SPECIFIC JURIDICAL ISSUES THAT ARTICLE RAISES. U.S. MADE PROPOSAL THAT THIS ARTICLE, ALONG WITH CHAIRMAN'S ARTICLES 4 AND 21 SHOULD BE COMBINED INTO ONE ARTICLE DEALING WITH JURDICAL POINTS IN ORDER
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THAT BALANCE BETWEEN COASTAL STATES AND STATES WITH HIGH SEAS INTERESTS, AND BALANCE BETWEEN CLAIMANTS AND NON-CLAIMANTS, COULD BE CLEARLY DISCERNED. U.S. PROPOSAL DREW VIRTUALLY NO PUBLIC SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INDICATED INTEREST DURING PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS.

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8. ARTICLE 4. APPLICATION OF CLAIMS PROVISIONS OF ANTARCTIC TREATY. DEBATE WAS LOW KEY. CHAIRMAN INTERCEDED AT EARLY POINT AND STATED THAT HE WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO CHANGE THIS PROVISION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN CAREFULLY DRAFTED TO OBTAIN BALANCE. USSR STATED BELIEF THAT ARTICLE ALSO HAD TO RESERVE THE POSITION OF EACH PARTY AS TO NON PREJUDICE OF ANY BASIS OF CLAIM THAT PARTY MIGHT HAVE. CHILE STATED THAT IT FOUND ARTICLE INADEQUATE TO PROTECT ITS POSITION.

9. ARTICLE 5. RESPONSIBILITY OF CONSULTATIVE PARTIES. DEBATE FOCUSED ON APPROPRIATENESS OF REQUIRING NON-PARTIES TO ANTARCTIC TREATY TO BE BOUND BY CONSERVATION MEASURES THAT THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES MIGHT ADOPT. MANY STATES SUPPORTED U.S. VIEW THAT ARTICLE SHOULD NOT BE DRAFTED IN SUCH WAY AS TO BE DISINCENTIVE FOR NON-PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY TO JOIN THIS CONVENTION.

10. ARTICLE 6. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AND ESTABLISH-
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MENT. MOST DELEGATIONS FULLY SUPPORTED CHAIRMAN'S TEXT, HOWEVER, CHILE SUPPORTED BY BELGIUM SUPPORTED REQUIREMENT THAT ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS BE REQUIRED TO BE ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTIES. FRANCE NOTED VIEW THAT PROVISION FOR PARTICIPATION BY REGIONAL ECONOMIC UNITS IN THE COMMISSION HAD TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

11. ARTICLE 7. COMMISSION FUNCTIONS AND POWERS. IN FAR RANGING DISCUSSION, NUMEROUS MINOR CHANGES WERE SUGGESTED. MORE SWEEPING CHANGES WERE PROMOTED BY USSR TO REWRITE THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF COMMISSION SO THAT IT WOULD OPERATE AS A FISHERY COMMISSION APPLYING MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD PRINCIPLE. JAPAN AND POLAND SUPPORTED IN PART USSR PROPOSALS. U.S. DELEGATION SUGGESTED CHANGES IN PARA (1)(F) AND PARA 3 TO STRENGTHEN LINK WITH SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE; IN PARA 5 TO CLOSE LOOPHOLE SO THAT NON-PARTIES TO WHALE AND SEAL CONVENTIONS WOULD HAVE TO APPLY THEIR REGULATIONS; AND INDICATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR BINDING NATURE OF CONSERVATION DECISIONS AS INDICATED IN PARA 6. SEVERAL STATES INCLUDING THE U.K., JAPAN AND FRANCE ADVOCATED AN OBJECTION PROCEDURE. MOST STATES NOTED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OBJECTION PROCEDURE AND THE VOTING FORMULA.

12. ARTICLE 8. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

DEBATE WAS BRIEF, WITH U.S. SUGGESTING SOME DRAFTING POINTS TO STRENGTHEN ARTICLE; AND WITH CHILE AND ARGENTINA SUGGESTING INCLUSION OF SYSTEM OF FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CONSERVATION MEASURES.

13. ARTICLE 9. VOTING. CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT WHICH PROVIDES FOR MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING TWO-THIRDS OF CONSULTATIVE PARTIES
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WAS SUPPORTED AS MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE BY U.S. SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORTED A SYSTEM OF UNANIMITY OF ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES. POLAND, USSR SUPPORTED A SYSTEM OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES PLUS UNANIMITY OF ALL CONSULTATIVE PARTIES. CHILE, ARGENTINA SUPPORTED A SYSTEM OF UNANIMITY OF ALL CONSULTATIVE PARTIES ON BASIC QUESTIONS. JAPAN SUPPORTED TWO THIRDS SYSTEM WITH AN OBJECTION PROCEDURE. NORWAY SUPPORTED STRAIGHT TWO-THIRDS VOTING PROCEDURE, BUT STATED IT COULD ACCEPT CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT. BOTH U.S. AND NORWAY MADE STRONG STATEMENTS AGAINST UNANIMITY. U.K., FRANCE, BELGIUM, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND DID NOT SPEAK.

14. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS ON THE CHAIRMAN'S ARTICLE 10, THE COMMISSION'S PROCEDURES.

15. ARTICLE 11. ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, U.S. DELEGATION MADE SUGGESTION TO STRENGTHEN INDEPENDENCE OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE. JAPAN, FRANCE AND USSR SOUGHT WORDING PROVIDING FOR CLEAR INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMISSION AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND CHILE AND ARGENTINA SOUGHT WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND CONSULTATIVE PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY. U.K. MADE DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS.

16. ARTICLE 12. THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE. A VARIETY OF DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE. USG MADE THREE PROPOSALS; THAT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE PUBLISH ITS WORK; THAT THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE BE CHARGED TO CONDUCT ITS WORK SOLELY ON BIOLOGICAL AND ECOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS; AND, THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES SUGGESTING CHANGES IN CONSERVATION MEASURES BE REQUIRED TO JUSTIFY THEIR PROPOSALS IN LIGHT OF CONSERVATION STANDARD. USSR AND POLAND SUGGESTED THAT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH SUBSIDIARY BODIES;
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AND THAT THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMISSION ON RESEARCH PROPOSALS. U.S. PROPOSAL FOR PUBLICATION WAS SUPPORTED BY THE U.K., ARGENTINA, AND NEW ZEALAND. FRANCE AND ARGENTINA PROPOSED DELETION OF PARA 2 OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH LISTS IN SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

17. ARTICLE 13. PROCEDURES OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE. DEBATE FOCUSED ON QUESTION WHETHER VOTING FORMULA SHOULD BE INCLUDED, OR WHETHER THE DECISION MAKING PROCEDURES OF THIS BODY SHOULD BE LEFT TO FOR IT TO DEVELOP (ITS OWN MEANS OF REACHING DECISION). U.K. PROPOSED THAT THIS BE LEFT TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND WAS SUPPORTED IN GENERAL BY FRANCE, ARGENTINA, AND THE U.S. JAPAN, AND USSR PROPOSED THAT COMMISSION APPROVE SUCH PROCEDURES.

18. ARTICLE 14. EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT. SEVERAL DRAFTING CHANGES WERE SUGGESTED, INCLUDING U.S. PROPOSAL TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD SERVE BOTH COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

19. ARTICLE 15. HEADQUARTERS. SEVERAL NON-SUBSTANTIVE DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE, WITHOUT ANY SUGGESTION AS TO WHERE HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

20. ARTICLE 16. FINANCIAL MATTERS. USSR SUPPORTED CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT WHICH SETS NO FINANCIAL FORMULA AND WHICH LEAVES BUDGET AND SHARES TO UNANIMOUS VOTE. JAPAN AND PLAND BASICALLY SUPPORTED THIS VIEW. OTHER

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STATES TOOK POSITION THAT FINANCIAL FORMULA NEEDED TO BE SPECIFICALLY SPELLED OUT. NEW ZEALAND, FRANCE, SUPPORTED EQUAL SHARES. CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORTED FORMULA WHICH WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF HARVESTING LEVELS WITHIN BUDGET FORMULA. U.S. SUPPORTED EQUAL SHARES WITH DISCRETION IN THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A DIFFERENT SYSTEM. AUSTRALIA WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM CHILE PROPOSED THE UN FINANCIAL FORMULA.

21. ARTICLE 17. CONSERVATION AIM. U.K., JAPAN, AND ARGENTINA ALL PRESENTED REFORMULATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY SUPPORT CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT BUT ALSO INDICATED SUPPORT FOR U.K. PROPOSAL. POLAND, JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTED MOVING THIS ARTICLE TO BECOME PART OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE DRAFT. THE USSR PROPOSED THAT THE CONSERVATION AIM SHOULD BE PART OF THE FUNCTIONS OF COMMISSION, AND SET FORTH, AS IT PROPOSED, IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE DRAFT. U.S. STATEMENT SUPPORTED MOVING THE CONSERVATION STANDARD TO ARTICLE
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2 OF THE DRAFT; SUPPORTED THE CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT; AND SUPPORTED U.K. PROPOSALS WHICH WERE SEEN TO SUPPLEMENT THE CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT. NORWAY AND CHILE SUPPORTED RETENTION OF ARTICLE 17 IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN TEXT.

22. ARTICLE 18. SUPPLY OF INFORMATION. USSR PROPOSED DELETION OF PARA 2 AND WAS SUPPORTED BY POLAND. U.S. PROPOSED DRAFTING CHANGES TO CLARIFY OBLIGATIONS AND PROPOSED THAT ARTICLE INCLUDED OBLIGATION TO CONDUCT HARVESTING OPERATIONS IN CONVENTION AREA IN MANNER TO MAXIMIZE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION. U.K. PROPOSED THAT AN OBLIGATION BE IMPOSED THAT STATES PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THEIR FISHING PLANS AND CAPACITIES. THIS WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED BY USSR AND JAPAN.

23. ARTICLE 19. OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH CONSERVATION MEASURES AND PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION. DEBATE FOCUSED ON U.S. PROPOSAL TO CLEARLY LIMIT ARTICLE SO THAT EACH STATE WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES AND ACTIONS ONLY WITH RESPECT TO ITS NATIONALS AND VESSELS, RATHER THAN AMBIGUOUS FORMULATION FOUND IN THE CHAIRMAN'S

DRAFT. U.K., CHILE, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FRANCE, ARGENTINA SUPPORTED CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT. JAPAN SUPPORTED U.S. PROPOSAL. POLAND SUGGESTED SIMPLIFICATION OF ENTIRE ARTICLE AND RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM USSR, JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND.

24. ARTICLE 20. OBLIGATION TO SEEK COMPLIANCE ON PART OF THIRD COUNTRIES. THERE WAS NO COMMENT ON THIS ARTICLE.

25. ARTICLE 21. PRESERVATION OF COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION. USSR, PLAND, JAPAN AND U.S. EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN WITH ARTICLE, WHILE AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA AND CHILE SUPPORTED IT. U.S. EXPRESSED REFERENCE TO PROPOSAL MADE BY U.S. WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLES 3 AND 4. U.S. NOTED THAT IT WAS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER AND HOW THIS ARTICLE WOULD BE INTERPRETED NORTH AND SOUTH OF 60 DEGREES SOUTH LATITUDE. U.S. ADDED THAT THIS ARTICLE SHOULD REFER TO MARINE LIVING RESOURCES AS IN ARTICLE 1 RATHER THAN TO AREAS. ALSO, U.S. PROPOSED THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF COASTAL STATES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO ALONG WITH THE RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES, AND THAT A REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED.

26. ARTICLE 22. COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. SEVERAL STATES INCLUDING CHILE, NEW ZEALAND AND BELGIUM SPOKE IN FAVOR OF LINKAGE WITH MEETINGS OF CONSULTATIVE PARTIES. NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTED BY CHILE AND BELGIUM PROPOSED NEW PARAGRAPH REQUIRING COMMISSION COOPERATION WITH STATES ADJACENT TO CONVENTION AREA. FRANCE, SUPPORTED BY U.S. AND JAPAN SOUGHT A REFERENCE TO IWC. VARIETY OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WERE PROPOSED BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS. U.S. DELEGATION PROPOSED THAT OBLIGATION TO INVITE SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMISSION AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD BE MADE MANDATORY.

27. ARTICLE 23. SYSTEM OF OBSERVATION AND INSPECTION. NEW ZEALAND, CHILE, AND ARGENTINA SUPPORTED THE CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT ARTICLE. USSR, JAPAN, SOUTH AFRICA PROPOSED A MORE GENERAL ARTICLE WHICH WOULD ONLY GIVE COMMISSION A GENERAL AND BROAD MANDATE TO ESTABLISH AN OBSERVER SYSTEM. U.K. PROPOSED SET OF TEN PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD BE APPLIED IN ESTABLISHING INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION SYSTEM. U.S. SUPPORTED IN GENERAL TERMS U.K. APPROACH, AND MADE OTHER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDING DELETION OF PARA 6 OF CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT DEALING WITH

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AERIAL OBSERVATION.

28. ARTICLE 24. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT PROVIDED FOR OBLIGATORY BINDING DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE. FRANCE SUPPORTED BY SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORTED BINDING DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, BUT PREFERRED NO REFERENCE TO ICJ. ARGENTIAN, CHILE, USSR, POLAND SUPPORTED NON-BINDING PROCEDURE AS FOUND IN ANTARCTIC TREATY. U.K., BELGIUM, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, AND NORWAY SUPPORTED CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT.

29. ARTICLE 25, 26, 27. SIGNATURE, RATIFICATION AND ACCESSION. CHAIRMAN'S FORMULATION ON ACCESSION WAS SUPPORTED BY U.S. AND NEW ZEALAND. NORWAY PROPOSED THAT ACCESSION REQUIREMENT INCLUDE THAT NON PARTIES TO ANTARCTIC TREATY BE REQUIRED TO AFFIRM THE PRINCIPLES OF THAT TREATY. FRANCE PROPOSED THAT ACCESSION ARTICLES LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIPS BY REGIONAL ECONOMIC UNITS.

30. ARTICLE 28. ENTRY INTO FORCE. U.K. SUPPORTED BY U.S. PROPOSED THAT STATES BECOMING PARTIES AFTER THE CONVENTION WAS IN FORCE SHOULD BE BOUND BY THE CONSERVATION MEASURES IN FORCE ON DATE OF THEIR RATIFICATION. CHILE AND ARGENTINA PROPOSED THAT ALL CONSULTATIVE PARTIES WOULD HAVE TO RATIFY BEFORE CONVENTION COULD COME INTO FORCE.

31. ARTICLE 29. AMENDMENT. THE U.S. AND JAPAN INDICATED INTEREST IN AMENDMENT PROCEDURE THAT WOULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THE UNANIMITY PROCEDURE REQUIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT.

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32. ARTICLE 30. WITHDRAWAL. THERE WAS NO COMMENT ON THIS ARTICLE.

33. ARTICLE 31. DEPOSITORY. U.S. PROPOSED THAT DEPOSITORY'S FUNCTIONS INCLUDE GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW.

34. ARTICLE 32. TEXTS AND REGISTRATION. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS ON THIS ARTICLE.

35. PREAMBLE. USSR, US, NEW ZEALAND, U.K., POLAND, FRANCE, CHILE, JAPAN MADE A VARIETY OF SUGGESTIONS REGARDING PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS.

36. AT CONCLUSION, CHAIRMAN INDICATED INTENTION TO PREPARE REVISION OF HIS TEXT IN LIGHT OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. TEXT BECAME AVAILABLE MARCH 13. SUMMARY OF CHANGES WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
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